



HONEY



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Florida: There were 200,000 honey producing colonies in Florida in 2010. Colonies were not included that were only for pollination or from which honey was not harvested. Honey production in 2010 from producers with five or more colonies was 13.8 million pounds, 19 percent above 2009. Florida ranked fourth in production behind North Dakota, California, and South Dakota. The average honey yield was 69 pounds per colony, one pound above 2009. Producers received an average of 157 cents per pound for the honey, up 15 cents per pound from the previous year. The value of Florida honey production in 2010 was \$21.7 million, up from the 2009 value of \$16.4 million.

United States: Honey production in 2010 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 176 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2009. There were 2.68 million colonies producing honey in 2010, up seven percent from 2009. Yield per colony averaged 65.5 pounds, up 12 percent from the 58.6 pounds in 2009. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced. Therefore, at the United States level yields per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 45.3 million pounds on December 15, 2010, up 21 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude those held under the commodity loan program.

Honey Prices increased to a record high during 2010 to 160.3 cents, up nine percent from 147.3 cents in 2009. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, cooperatives, and private channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2009 crop reflect honey sold in 2009 and 2010. Some 2009 crop honey was sold in 2010, which caused some revisions to the 2009 crop prices.

Florida Number of Colonies, Honey Production, Value, and Stocks: 2001-2010 ¹

Year	Honey Producing Colonies ³	Yield per Colony	Value of Production	Average Price per Pound ⁴	Value ⁵	Stocks Dec 15 ⁶
	<i>(1,000 colonies)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(cents)</i>	<i>(1,000 dollars)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
2001	220	100	22,000	64	14,080	3,432
2002	220	93	20,460	114	23,324	2,026
2003	210	71	14,910	132	19,681	1,491
2004	205	98	20,090	100	20,090	2,009
2005	160	86	13,760	86	11,834	2,477
2006	170	81	13,770	101	13,908	1,790
2007	160	71	11,360	99	11,246	1,363
2008	150	79	11,850	132	15,642	1,304
2009 ²	170	68	11,560	142	16,415	1,618
2010	200	69	13,800	157	21,666	1,794

United States Number of Colonies, Honey Production, Value and Stocks: 2001-2010 ¹

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	<i>(1,000 colonies)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(cents)</i>	<i>(1,000 dollars)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>
2001	2,506	74.0	185,461	70.4	132,225	64,556
2002	2,574	66.7	171,718	132.7	228,338	39,393
2003	2,599	70.0	181,727	138.7	253,106	40,785
2004	2,556	71.8	183,582	106.9	196,259	61,222
2005	2,413	72.4	174,818	91.8	160,428	62,478
2006	2,393	64.7	154,907	103.6	160,484	60,548
2007	2,443	60.7	148,341	107.7	159,763	52,635
2008	2,342	69.9	163,789	142.1	232,744	51,159
2009 ²	2,498	58.6	146,416	147.3	215,671	37,516
2010	2,684	65.5	175,904	160.3	281,974	45,307

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² Revised.

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United States Honey Prices by Color Class and Buyer: 2009 and 2010

Color class	Co-op and Private		Retail		All	
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<i>(cents per pound)</i>	<i>(cents per pound)</i>	<i>(cents per pound)</i>	<i>(cents per pound)</i>	<i>(cents per pound)</i>	<i>(cents per pound)</i>
Water white, extra white, and white	142.6	156.2	252.6	293.7	144.0	158.3
Extra light amber	144.5	151.4	252.5	251.6	150.4	156.6
Light amber, amber, and dark amber	135.1	148.2	291.4	329.2	148.2	164.1
All other honey, area specialties	179.8	171.7	414.3	433.5	247.9	205.0
All honey	141.5	153.1	283.7	305.4	147.3	160.3

Honey Number of Colonies, Production, Stocks, and Value: 2009-2010 ^{1 2}

[2009 data revised]

State	Honey Producing Colonies ³		Yield per Colony		Production		Stocks Dec 15 ⁴		Average Price per Pound ⁵		Value of Production ⁶	
	2009 ²	2010	2009 ²	2010	2009 ²	2010	2009 ²	2010	2009 ²	2010	2009 ²	2010
	<i>(1,000 colonies)</i>	<i>(1,000 colonies)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>	<i>(cents)</i>	<i>(cents)</i>	<i>(1,000 dollars)</i>	<i>(1,000 dollars)</i>
Alabama.....	9	9	50	54	450	486	68	73	186	222	837	1,079
Arizona.....	20	24	52	77	1,040	1,848	562	665	145	143	1,508	2,643
Arkansas	24	25	57	60	1,368	1,500	301	360	142	147	1,943	2,205
California.....	355	410	33	67	11,715	27,470	2,109	6,318	139	156	16,284	42,853
Colorado.....	28	34	53	56	1,484	1,904	326	533	143	150	2,122	2,856
Florida	170	200	68	69	11,560	13,800	1,618	1,794	142	157	16,415	21,666
Georgia	65	55	41	46	2,665	2,530	346	152	147	167	3,918	4,225
Hawaii	10	10	95	77	950	770	323	239	176	227	1,672	1,748
Idaho	103	98	46	27	4,738	2,646	1,706	1,191	152	150	7,202	3,969
Illinois	8	9	34	41	272	369	57	92	255	305	694	1,125
Indiana	9	10	32	43	288	430	101	151	202	226	582	972
Iowa	26	27	42	49	1,092	1,323	339	463	160	189	1,747	2,500
Kansas	9	9	63	52	567	468	164	103	185	229	1,049	1,072
Kentucky	5	5	35	67	175	335	25	67	271	264	474	884
Louisiana.....	37	21	103	80	3,811	1,680	610	269	136	148	5,183	2,486
Maine	6	6	50	41	300	246	51	39	195	211	585	519
Michigan.....	66	70	60	58	3,960	4,060	1,505	1,502	155	164	6,138	6,658
Minnesota.....	122	126	65	66	7,930	8,316	1,427	1,746	144	154	11,419	12,807
Mississippi.....	14	16	104	98	1,456	1,568	87	78	132	147	1,922	2,305
Missouri.....	11	11	47	52	517	572	57	92	199	180	1,029	1,030
Montana	146	157	70	74	10,220	11,618	3,577	2,905	146	155	14,921	18,008
Nebraska.....	48	44	56	55	2,688	2,420	1,102	1,041	146	149	3,924	3,606
New Jersey	11	13	32	35	352	455	70	73	236	175	831	796
New Mexico.....	7	7	60	66	420	462	143	157	159	158	668	730
New York.....	45	47	65	64	2,925	3,008	936	1,173	193	178	5,645	5,354
North Carolina	11	13	45	46	495	598	84	138	257	273	1,272	1,633
North Dakota	450	510	77	91	34,650	46,410	7,623	12,995	138	151	47,817	70,079
Ohio	11	17	50	62	550	1,054	132	327	281	223	1,546	2,350
Oregon	55	59	34	39	1,870	2,301	767	874	154	162	2,880	3,728
Pennsylvania	21	30	40	37	840	1,110	319	377	203	205	1,705	2,276
South Dakota.....	270	265	66	59	17,820	15,635	6,237	4,847	142	154	25,304	24,078
Tennessee	7	8	51	63	357	504	86	106	237	245	846	1,235
Texas	89	100	63	72	5,607	7,200	1,065	792	139	153	7,794	11,016
Utah	26	26	38	30	988	780	198	195	146	152	1,442	1,186
Vermont.....	5	4	49	65	245	260	69	73	201	221	492	575
Virginia	6	5	39	37	234	185	56	37	345	331	807	612
Washington	62	71	44	37	2,728	2,627	1,064	1,077	158	152	4,310	3,993
West Virginia	5	5	37	38	185	190	33	38	260	239	481	454
Wisconsin.....	63	68	60	64	3,780	4,352	1,588	1,654	158	167	5,972	7,268
Wyoming	37	34	48	36	1,776	1,224	391	282	143	160	2,540	1,958
Other States ^{7 8} ...	26	26	52	46	1,348	1,190	194	219	237	256	3,195	3,046
United States ⁹	2,498	2,684	58.6	65.5	146,416	175,904	37,516	45,307	147.3	160.3	215,671	281,974

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⁷ AK, CT, DE, MD, MA, NV, NH, OK, RI, and SC not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

⁸ Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

⁹ United States value of production will not equal summaries of States.